

CARTY'S YEAR-END ADDRESS

Today has been the last day of a very enjoyable year for me — one in which I had the privilege of serving as President of the student body of our University. I would like to thank all those who made it possible and those who have made it enjoyable for me.

RECOMMENDATIONS

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group to the policies and duties of the SRC. She believed it was necessary to retain the CUS and WUSC Chairmen on the Council as in the past their contributions had been substantial. (Miss Watters was protesting the present trend which seems to advocate these two people no longer sit on Council.) In a moment of splendor Miss Watters continued and culminated her efforts in a plea that future Councils treat, with respect, those coeds who seek leadership positions.

Stephen Chandler followed Miss Watters suggesting that next year the SRC place a Council member on the Social Committee and on the Winter Carnival Committee.

From the First V/P

First Vice-President, Ron McLeod, in a brief to Council regarding the Student Discipline Committee had several ideas. Principally he felt that decisions of the SDC should become more binding as at the moment the Administration was tending to ignore SDC sentences. He strongly urged that Teacher's College be approached to join and that in future the Campus Police Chief receive greater support from the Council. As the most effective punishment appeared to be the publishing of the student's name and offense in the student papers it was advised that such action be taken for all offenses.

McLeod also submitted the idea that Future Councils make it mandatory for the President and First Vice-President to run in a team as this would ensure a more coordinated effort and greater efficiency in the Executive.

Ambitious PR Programme

Public Relations Officer, Stephen Hanson, who has extended maximum efforts throughout the year on all types of matters including the CUS national Conference, and such details as the Nursing Society Brief to the Education Committee, advised that the Office of Public Relations be continued in the future as it was a great aid in fostering better understanding between the SRC and the public. He

In particular I would like to thank my executive: Mr. McLeod my first vice-president who was always ready to pitch in and help whenever he could and who never complained no matter the circumstance; Mr. Gadd who as second vice-president was doomed under our present system to do many of the joe-jobs did them with a boundless energy that was a source of strength for us all; Mr. Brien who took on the thankless task of finance chairman brought to the job a level head and firm resolve to straighten out many of the kinks in our system and the determination that was required to accomplish all his goals.

Innumerable others both on and off council have contributed to our year and much as I would like to mention them all, in fear of forgetting one or two I dare not. In the next breath I must reverse myself and thank both Clyde McElderman and Steve Hanson who have been responsible for many of our successes to date.

As is the custom allow me to briefly sketch over some of these ups and downs of the past year.

In the beginning we were elected to office— then were elected again! Winter Carnival lost some money but important lessons were learned by it — UNB students only want to be entertained by BIG name entertainers and while anyone who violates this rule may produce an excellent show it is likely to be a financial failure. Radio UNB produced a yearbook in sound which appears to have been a success from the very beginning. About this time Sally Keith and members of the Nursing Society took on a detailed study into the problem of physical health at the University and at the same time Senate was approached and presented with the mental health brief which Mr. Chandler and associates had so laboriously prepared. The Presidents of the Atlantic Universities announced fee raises and student protest was swift and over 1500 New Brunswick university students marched on the legislature. For the first time the public was made aware of the financial crises in

thanked the Brunswickan, Radio UNB and all of the Campus Clubs for the co-operation over the past year and proposed that in the future the PRO become an even greater spokesman of the Council.

Recommendations of the Executive, and the President's Year End Address are contained elsewhere in the Brunswickan.

our universities and the members of the legislature were extremely impressed by student involvement.

The CUS Congress at the end of August and in early September placed the students of Canada on a road to goals; the objectives and means of obtaining them were for the first time clearly discussed and defined. The re-evaluation of this in terms of our experience this year is going to be the most important topic at the Congress in Halifax next summer.

The eighth national seminar was hosted by UNB in the first week of September and in the University Community — Frosh Week followed and, without a doubt, it was the most successful on record. The yearbook didn't make the stands on time and when it did arrive many questioned its value — a good lesson was learned and as a result the editors and staff of this year's book are the best one could possibly hope for.

The sod was turned for the Student Union Building and at the same time a massive petition protested the preliminary plans before the SUB Committee could even hold open hearings. The committee is back at work and hopefully the building will progress on schedule.

Premier Robichaud attempted to interfere with the basic rights of any citizen let alone students during the election campaign. What is so discouraging is that he was aided by the administration of the University. Unfortunately it would appear there is less freedom in the University of New Brunswick than anywhere else in the province — a sad commentary on the state of affairs at the university that

hosted a national seminar on Democracy in the University Community.

Internally National Student Day was a failure on the UNB campus. It would appear most students don't care about the extremely difficult financial problems of education in Canada. Externally we were successful, causing many people outside the university community to think and we achieved national publicity by having John Diefenbaker visit the campus on National Student Day.

The financial responsibility for many of the athletic clubs was passed to the Students Athletic Association during the fall and at the same time the Education Committee was reconstituted and started to work on a submission to Dr. Bailey's Commission of the future of the University.

This has only been a brief commentary on some of the events of the year past to help jog our memories to enable better consideration of what must be done in the future.

While we had many problems and disagreements this

year I think the Council really only got involved in two main issues — and both of these were approached different times in different ways. The first question is that of accessibility to education. Our council was almost evenly split with the majority in favour of Universal accessibility, those who opposed it have seen any economic arguments they might have had destroyed by the Economic Council of Canada about three weeks ago in its second annual review and even the argument of "social justice" so formed by Vincent Bladen appears to hold no water. Canada is in a very serious educational gap between Americans and Canadians, today there is a substantial one that grows day by day. As the leaders of our generation we must now make the decisions and commitments to education before we slip into a second or third class among peoples of the world. I urge the new council to become aware — then deeply concerned then committed to the crises

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